

1 Thessalonians

Paul writes again

Audience & Purpose

► The church at Thessalonica

- Paul started it on his 2nd missionary journey
- Thessalonica was an important port city in Macedonia (northern Greece)
- Thessalonica was a pagan and idolatrous city

Audience & Purpose

- ▶ **Why did Paul write?**
 - **To encourage and instruct new believers**
 - ▶ **About their outlook on life**
 - ▶ **About daily events**
 - ▶ **About future events**
 - ▶ **About their relationships with one another**

Theme

► The 2nd coming

- when Jesus returns to the earth
- Jesus first came to earth at his birth

► Theme verse—1 Thessalonians 3:13 (NIV)

- May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

2 Thessalonians



Audience & Purpose

- ▶ **Also written to the church @ Thessalonica**
- ▶ **Why did Paul write?**
 - **The clear up misunderstanding about the 2nd coming**
 - **To encourage them while they were being persecuted**

Theme

► 2nd coming

► Theme verses—2 Thessalonians 2:1-2 (NLT)

- Now, dear brothers and sisters, let us clarify some things about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we will be gathered to meet him.
2 Don't be so easily shaken or alarmed by those who say that the day of the Lord has already begun. Don't believe them, even if they claim to have had a spiritual vision, a revelation, or a letter supposedly from us.